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U. A. C. LOGAN.

Bulletin No. 2, vol. 10, issued by the Agricultural College at Logan, is one of the best of its kind. It is not only a source of information, but also of the reasons why the boys should take them up. If they tend becoming successful tillers of the soil.

The Logan institution is one of the best in existence. This may be saying great deal, but it is true. Its influence is being felt for good in ever widening circles. Its president and teachers are considered authority on many sections, all over the country, by those interested in similar colleges.

For some years there has been a tendency away from the soil. Young men have flocked to the office, the store, the various concerns that employ agents for this or that. The farm has been despised. But they have learned now that the successful farmer is independent. He has time for recreation. He owns automobiles, as well as horses. And so the farm is no longer looked upon as the spot to which a slave is confined. The college is doing a fine service as a learned profession, teaches the students the principles of it, and gives the experience of others profit by.

A great deal has been said lately about high prices on the necessities of life. One remedy is increased production of scientific principles. When the earth is brought to yield all it can, with less labor than it now takes to produce only portion, the prices will be lower without reduction of the profit. The school opens on Tuesday, Sept. 20. Information concerning it can be had by applying to the President's office, Utah Agricultural College, Logan, Utah.

MONROE DOCTRINE.

Dispatches from Buenos Ayres say at delegates from Brazil and Chile at a pan-American congress are trying to have a resolution adopted making a Monroe doctrine pan-American instead of North American.

The Monroe doctrine dates back to a year 1823. About that time Spain requested the European powers to help to recover the Spanish colonies in a New World. At the same time the United States claimed the right to exclusive rule in the Northwest, including part of Oregon.

George Canning, British foreign minister, noting the feelings in the United States against European encroachment on American soil, suggested that the United States and Great Britain jointly issue a declaration against the transfer of any Latin-American state to any European power. Monroe, it seems, as at first inclined to enter upon this, but John Quincy Adams was determined that our country should stand alone in this matter. Monroe then decided, and in his message of Dec. 2, 1823, he defined the American policy known as the Monroe doctrine.

This doctrine declares that the American continents are not to be considered subject for future colonization by European powers; that intervention by European powers for the purpose of oppressing American states, or controlling their destiny, would be considered unfriendly to the United States; and, that any attempt on the part of European powers to extend their system of government to any portion of this hemisphere is dangerous to our peace and safety.

This is the Monroe doctrine. By it is country assumes a guardianship over all the American republics, to the extent that it notifies Europe that for policy hostile to any of these republics, it will have to render an account to the United States. Sometimes the United States has exerted pressure on defaulting republics, urging them to pay their debts in order to give the editors no excuse for invasion. This interference by the United States has been resented in Venezuela, Nicaragua and elsewhere, and the Monroe doctrine, which was supposed to authorize it, as been at times denounced and repudiated. Its formal acceptance now.

Buenos Ayres might seem to be a small triumph, implying that the doctrine has been shown by experience to be wise and in the interest of all concerned.

BRYAN ON A MORAL ISSUE.

No matter what opinion anyone may entertain of Bryan as a political leader, he stands he took on a purely moral issue, in the Nebraska convention, cannot but command admiration. The question was as to the best way of dealing with the liquor traffic. Mr. Bryan proposed unity action, in opposition to the majority that declared against making the liquor traffic a question of party creed, and in his address he boldly declared that he was not afraid of exceeding his opinion on a moral question and standing on it, even he had to stand alone. This position, we say, admirable, and all the more so in an age when moral issues too often are subordinated to personal interests. The majority of the Nebraska platform committee refused to recognize the liquor traffic as a party issue, and that would be correct if the liquor traffic were only a business, and nothing else. But that traffic is different from nearly all other kinds of business in this respect that it aims at control

of municipal, county, and state governments in order to enable it to evade laws framed for its regulation, and to exist in alliance with all kinds of criminal agencies. The liquor traffic, through political tricks, through bribery, through corruption, tries to control legislatures and courts, in the interest of a business that destroys soul and body, disrupts homes, depopulates churches, and fills the prisons and poor houses, and it always tries to gain its ends by the manipulation of party machinery. For this reason we do not see how parties can consistently refuse to declare themselves on the issues presented by the liquor traffic.

The business of parties is, in the first place, to see that "good men" are placed in charge of the various offices created for the benefit of the people. But "good men" are not found in the saloons, as everybody knows. No business man needing a bookkeeper, an engineer, a fireman, or what not, would search the saloons for a candidate. On the contrary, he would tell saloon frequenters that they need not apply. Party managers, if they are looking for "good men" for public offices, will do no less. They will tell the saloon traffic that it is not wanted in the administration of public affairs.

AGE OF THE WORLD.

A Washington dispatch tells us that scientists are still trying to find out how old the earth is. That is a question that has been approached from various points of view, and always with differing results.

Lord Kelvin, proceeding on the assumption that the earth has cooled from a gaseous condition, has calculated that not more than 40,000,000 years nor less than 20,000,000 have passed since condensation began. Others believe that it may be more than 2,000,000,000 years since our globe parted company with the sun. Estimates based upon geological phenomena, however, and comprising only the time covered by them, have been rarely less than 100,000,000 years. One authority puts it this way: "While estimates differ, the significant fact is that all those who have paid any attention to the study of the earth have come to the conclusion that 100,000,000 years is a conservative estimate and sufficiently long to satisfy the requirements of the astronomer, physicist, geologist and paleontologist." Some have tried to measure the amount of salt contained in the ocean and then to estimate the time it would take to deposit it there. Now, Professors Clark and Backen, of the United States geological survey discuss the question and come to the conclusion that the age of the earth falls somewhere within 70 and 85 million years.

To those who are wont to regard Ussher's chronology as accounting completely for the age of man and of the earth, the calculations of modern scientists appear to be irreverent. But it must be remembered that the chronology of Ussher is merely an attempt to calculate the age of the race from the data given in the Bible. These are, however, not complete, and whatever real aid can be derived from astronomy, geology, chemistry, or archaeology, to solve the problem, should be gladly accepted, for these sciences, as far as they present facts, throw light upon the obscure points in the sacred records. There is no discrepancy between the sciences and the Bible. One truth cannot contradict another. Between the revelations of nature and the written word, there is complete harmony.

ISLAM AWAKENING.

As a general rule, the Christians of the world regard Islam as a "stagnant" religion, without any further progress. It is taken for granted that the teachings of Mohammed were good enough for the benighted people of Arabia in the 7th and following centuries, but that its mission was ended when the hosts of the false prophet were turned back in their triumphant march over Europe.

It is all the more startling to learn that Islam today is making more progress than its rival religions; but that seems to be the fact. It has invaded China, occupied the Malay archipelago, is spreading rapidly through Central Africa, and the missionaries of the prophet are found also in the south of Russia.

One of the remarkable features of modern Mohammedanism is the revival of learning. At one time the Arabians were the standard bearers of civilization, and we owe much to their research, but later under the hand of despotism they became indifferent to learning. They are, however, awakening. As quoted in the Churchman, the president of a Mohammedan college in India, recently made this appeal:

"The ideal before us, is to make this institution a great center of research and learning, and a source of moral influence for Mussulmans from the Atlantic to the great wall of China. The object of this college is to produce men morally and intellectually equipped for the developing resources of the country and becoming captains of commerce and industry, leaders of men and moral teachers of their people. Our community is not only backward morally, intellectually and materially, but even more spiritually in the true sense. We want among the students that atmosphere of self-sacrifice, true devotion, pity for suffering, that sense of dependence and responsibility toward an infinite power, the light of which can only be known through our emotions, and whose influence must permeate every moment of our lives."

This is certainly remarkable as an appeal from one of the "faithful" for intellectual, moral, and spiritual advancement. It is permeated by the right spirit.

Mohammedanism teaches one, personal God, the righteous but all-merciful Judge of all men. It teaches purity and self-sacrifice. It soon became the religion of blood and fire, and its conquests were those of force; but it has long ago given up that kind of proselytism. Christians have regarded it almost exclusively as a religion of conquest, but this is a mistake. It fills the spiritual needs of many human beings, and that accounts for its progress during all these centuries. When the world which the

light of revelation first illuminated rejected that light, it got Mohammedanism and was forced to receive it. It filled a spiritual void, and was far better than the superstitions and idolatry that took the place of Christianity. It had its mission, and its advancement in the first place is not difficult to account for. Its revival in this age is a fact for which no adequate explanation has been given.

HARMONY IN DISCORD.

One the surface of it, it looks as if the City council and the police chief were pursuing opposite courses in the matter of that turf exchange and the race track gambling. The chief is trying to close some dens and the council is fencing for time. The "organ," too, seems to be playing a solemn tune in contrast to the frivolous notes of the council.

But, notwithstanding this apparent lack of harmony, we have no doubt there is a full understanding and unity of purpose. The party wants the votes of both the decent citizens and the element that flourishes in the dives. In order to get the two extreme wings to march together under one banner, clever means must be employed. It is not easy to induce a good Presbyterian to join hands with a gambler, for instance, and vote for a saloon keeper. But it has been done, and can be done again. By putting up a fight against the disreputable dens, the votes of some citizens with a conscience is secured, and by not permitting the fight to go too far, the votes of the keepers and frequenters of the dens is secured, too. And thus the two wings co-operate.

What looks like a disruption may therefore be only the visible sign of a very clever plan for the catching of the respectable vote in favor of men who are interested in making of Salt Lake and Utah the arena of the evils that have been banished from every respectable state in the Union.

Cheap advice always comes high.

The Grand Trunk is doing a suitcase business.

No matter where Dr. Crippen is, his pursuers are all at sea.

When a man gains notoriety he thinks he has achieved greatness.

Some people change their mind oftener than they change their underwear.

In Nebraska it is very hard to localize local county option; it is almost state-wide.

The birth rate at Oyster Bay is considerably lower than that of the surrounding towns. This looks like a rebuke.

Buying on the installment plan is a perpetual prod. The monthly visit of the collector is as the fly in the ointment.

There never was such a splendid "insurgent" as Don Quixote of the Mancha. Compared with him, others are as "mollycoddles."

"Regulars" and "progressives" both claim to have won in the Columbus convention. From a distance it looks as though honors were about even.

The National Association of Dental Faculties has decreed that students of dentistry must have good teeth. That is right. He who drives fat oxen should himself be fat.

At Victoria, B. C., tenders have been invited for the construction of Canada's first warship. Canada will find that it is not the first ship that costs in a naval policy.

Professor Harry Thurston Peck wants Miss Esther Quinn to furnish a bill of particulars. If both had been more particular no bill of particulars would have been wanted.

Senator Cummins says that of the billion and a half capital of the United States Steel corporation, eight hundred million dollars is pure water. If that amount is water, it is quite certain that it is pure water.

President Taft has put himself on record as subscribing absolutely to the principle that a president of the United States should not talk politics. This declaration of the President should be placed along side Washington's Farewell Address.

The English non-conformists have made a demonstration against the king's new declaration of accession. It is a piece of bigotry unworthy of them. They should come out of their shell into the broad light of tolerance and religious freedom.

OUR HORDES OF DISCONTENT.

Ex-Gov. Frank S. Black in Leslie's. There have come to this country from foreign shores within the last seven years nearly seven million people. These have not come from Great Britain, Germany and those countries to whose immigrants we have in the past owed so much. They have come largely from eastern and southern Europe and western Asia. They are Italians, Hungarians, Slavs, Turks, Syrians. This vast horde of immigrants here contains many who will become prosperous and exemplary citizens, but it contains thousands who will not. They neither speak nor understand our language and have little sympathy with our institutions. The aggregate for only seven years is more than the entire population of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Colorado, Montana, and Oregon by the census of 1900. The majority remains in our cities. They print their own newspapers in their own languages and do not acquire ours. There are more newspapers printed in New York today in foreign languages than

in ours. They came here because they were dissatisfied at home. Many leave their own country with a grievance and land here with their state of mind unchanged. They find, when they arrive, the air filled with charges of oppression, of the unjust power of money, of the partnership between government and wealth, of laws that punish the poor and shield the rich. These are the wrongs they claim to have fled at home and their reception here deepens the discontent their past experience has engendered. The result which follows is the only natural one and one which even the commonest wisdom should foresee.

THE PASSION PLAY.

Harper's Bazar.

The play begins at eight in the morning and lasts, with an intermission at noon for rest and refreshment, until nearly six. It is made up of eighteen acts, some of them composed of several scenes, and each act is prefaced first by a prologue spoken by the leader of the chorus, then by the chorus itself, and finally by one or two tableaux vivants. The first to appear on the stage are the guardian angels or spirits. They are dressed in simple vari-colored gowns covered with white tulle edged with gold fringe and colored mantles. They enter gracefully and reverently, their hands crossed on their breasts, forming a half-circle across the front of the stage. The leader, known as Chorus, comes forward and pronounces the prologue, which explains the object of the entire production to come. The chorus enlarges upon the same idea in a chant, and, finally, separates into two divisions to reveal the first tableaux.

FOOD VALUES IN VEGETABLES.

The Delineator.

The maligned onion belongs to the lily family and contains priceless elements of health and nourishment, especially to nerves and blood. The turnip, also, has medicinal and food virtue, though it is not so palatable as containing, like cabbage, over 90 per cent of water. The yellow turnip is considered a mild nerve. The unpoplar carrot is almost miraculous as a blood purifier, and French women consider it as important as any cosmetic. It has, also, undreamed of possibilities of preparation. Calling things by other names sometimes helps matters, or making fashionable by favor of the famous. In Ceylon they term okra "ladies' fingers," the vegetable marrow of Europe is virtually the same as our summer squash, but is used, in us, unheeded of ways. Luther Burbank has improved the "pieplant" and his new crimson winter rhubarb is a wonderful thing. But in the ordinary type of these stalks there are riches of oxide and malleable acids, the value of which the physicians of the world have always recognized.

TONGUES OF THE MIGHTY.

Westminster Gazette.

Future candidates for the Presidency of the French Republic will be thinned out if the demand of a French newspaper be accepted—that Presidents should show fluent acquaintance with English and German. There is not a President on record who has reached that requirement, for Presidents are made—self-made—not born. It is the business of a king to learn several languages, and as he is born he is made to talk with many tongues. The Austrian Kaiser is perhaps the most splendid living instance. But Presidents and ministers are not nursed into multilingualism. Can we put up a cabinet minister capable of fluency in three languages?

JUST FOR FUN

"Does Winks take any magazine?"
 "All he can get. I don't dare leave one lying around."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Prosperous Publisher—Do you write before or after eating?
 Poet (faintly)—Always before, unless I have something to eat.—Judge.

Guest—Where's Mrs. Frost tonight?
 Hostess—Oh, she's at home, trying to hush things up.
 "Husband, scandal, or children?"—Life.

"Did she marry the man who rescued her?"
 "Yes, and now she's discovered that her life was the only thing he ever saved."—Detroit Free Press.

Farmer (to lady who has taken rooms at the farm for the summer)—Tidy crop of hay, mmm.
 Lady—Beautifully tidy—and let me see—when do you thresh it?—Funch.

Miss Oldgirl—Here are some new pictures I had taken, but they are perfect frights. The photographer I went to is no flatterer.
 Miss Pert—No; but he is conscientious.—Baltimore American.

"That magazine writer says he is going to print an absolutely truthful and impartial analysis of your career."
 "Absolutely truthful and impartial!" echoed Senator Borahum. "Great Scott! wonder what I have done to offend him!"—Washington Star.

Magistrate—Who is the prisoner?
 Policeman—He says he's a foreign nobleman, your honor.
 Magistrate—Did you search him?
 Policeman—Yes, and all I found was a pawn ticket and 3 cents.
 Magistrate—Then he evidently told the truth.—Chicago Daily News.

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2. Overture—"Barber of Seville".....Rossini

3. Intermezzo—"Les deux Femmes".....Tobani

4. Ballet Egyptian.....A. Luigini

Part 2.

5. March—"Gulde Right".....Souza

6. Peer Gynt Suite.....E. Grieg

7. Ocean Characteristic—"Vision".....Fr. Blon

8. Peer Gynt Suite.....E. Grieg

and.....Mercadante

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM.

Wagner Night.

Part 1.

1. Grand selection from "Carmine".....Bizet

2. Overture—"Les deux Femmes".....Tobani

3. The Famous Minuet.....Paderewski

4. Overture—"Tannhauser".....Wagner

Part 2.

5. Overture—"Oheron".....Weber

6. Solo Clarinet—"Nonet".....Chopin

7. Signor Sinacalehi.....Puccini

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